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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

March 3, 1859.

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Mr. Curtis, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following bill:

A BILL

For the relief of Mrs. Constance Bateman.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-1 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, 2 That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and 3 directed to pay, out of any moneys in the treasury not other-4 wise appropriated, unto Mrs. Constance Bateman, (formerly 5 Mrs. Constance DeCaindry,) or to her authorized attorney, 6 the sum of three thousand dollars, for injuries done to her 7 vegetable and fruit garden and premises by the United States 8 soldiers, by the authority of the officers, in the defence of 9 Baltimore, at Fort McHenry, in the year eighteen hundred 10 and fourteen; the same being done while the United States 11 troops were in the occupancy and being necessitated to use her 12

subsistence, the troops being short of provisions, and so forth.